

STILLWATER COUNTY PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 6, 2009

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Adelbert Eder, Chris Fleck, Larry Gee, Linda Halstead-Acharya, Bob Van Oosten, Alvin Stadel, Jon Bourassa, Allen McMillen, Chuck Krone, and Cynthia Colbert

STAFF: Cal Cumin, Forrest Mandeville, and Laurie Kelley

OTHERS: George Bokma and Mina Morse

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Vice Chair Larry Gee.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL. Bob made the motion to approve the meeting minutes, and Cynthia seconded; motion carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Community Decay Regulation. Cal told the Board that State law gives local governments the right to clean up nuisances that are considered dangerous to health or offensive to the senses. The County Commissioners and Environmental Health Department have received complaints about junk vehicles and other nuisance items being stockpiled in various locations in the County, and the County needs to develop a policy that can address this problem. Cal presented the Board with a DRAFT version of a Stillwater County Community Decay Regulations (see attached). The Board members recognized that something was needed. It will review the document and discuss it at the next meeting.

B. Parks Funds Request—Granite Peak Park Steering Committee. Mina Morse answered questions about the Granite Peak Park Steering Committee's letter to the Board of County Commissioners requesting \$3,000 from the County's Cash-in-lieu-of-parkland Fund (see attached). The Planning Office prepared a review format for such requests, and this was reviewed (see attached). The money is to be used for part of the irrigation system in the soccer field. After a lengthy discussion, Jon made a motion to recommend that the County Commissioners release \$5,000, rather than the \$3,000 requested, stating that it is important to support a park that, though located within the boundaries of the Town of Columbus, is utilized extensively by youth from all around the County. Bob seconded the motion, and with all but one in favor, the motion carried. If the Commissioners approve awarding the funds, the award will not affect funds accumulated in other districts of the County.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

A. George Bokma. The Elwood Subdivision dry hydrant has been completed and tested.

George suggested that all dry hydrants in the County be given physical addresses, which will help firefighters locate the hydrants more quickly during emergencies.

B. Legislative Updates—Cal told the Board about changes in planning law that have been approved by the Legislature (see attached).

C. Decision on Bill Geer Presentation—Cal explained that a majority of the Board had responded negatively towards paying Bill Geer's mileage and hotel room in exchange for him coming to discuss the Sportsman User Value Mapping project. Linda suggested that if he were in the area for something else it might be possible to split costs with another organization. The staff will secure a PDF of his map for this area to send out to the Board members.

D. Planning for Value—Decay ordinance/regulation, as previously discussed.

OTHER: Bob—Lincoln Powers came to the Stillwater Conservation District (SCD) meeting and brought in well-engineered plans for the bridge and culverts. The plans will have to be approved by SCD, the Army Corp of Engineers (USACE), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP).

Adelbert—a cell tower is going up west of Springtime Road. Bob said it had been planned for a long time.

Jon—the bridge on Cemetery Road has been replaced with a much larger one. It eliminates a big problem.

Cal—there is an ongoing problem with the residents along Spruce Drive. He met with them and it is apparent that they do not get along well.

V. ADJOURN Adelbert made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, and Cynthia seconded; motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Laurie Kelley
Administrative Assistant